STYLES IN TOYS.

Santa Claus Has Become Quite Martial This Year.

ME RESULT OF THE SPANISH WAR

nw styles in toys?" asked a Post of Santa Claus' largest

enius so rampant since I came

advantage of the fever. st let me show you over voungaters wild by costing \$15. toys. This one gets up toys. This one gets up tol. Then these," pointing much cheaper. You see, step there. Now look at

land lubber.

of the great department lash of sounding bugles, orns, drums and harmonicas.

or end let them loope."

then en indulgent ranger data as and watched the offspring do a remnastics around the war counter, a few purchases and then go in for

ome of them grandfathers come side that they blow horns, beat and try all of the mechanical toys. "t buy as many things as women do, they buy much better ones. Women a to give because it is the season for so give because it is the season for it, and are very calculating about it, a man just turns binned loose and aboute he actually can't help it is a by over again each Christmas, he can enthuse every time he sees a built coaster or an invention from a anical genius. If you want to see a men enjoys the small things of life, see him stop in the middle of the side-it and watch an exhibition of the simb-denkey. Five times out of ten he fad it so amusing, that realistic, mental to, that he will buy one. Then tal toy, that he will buy one. Then tal toy, that he will buy one. Then the gets home he will want to run it is time before he considers that the ers understands it. You can alsel when a man is buying for the bay, in the first place, he generally it, but if he doesn't you know it by the construction of the mouth. He that infant is able to appreciate and said everything from a rubber ting everything from a rubber ring sexuse engine. You can dupe him

nothing peculiar, except a fancy with a separate wardrobe, Uncle della and sallors. Now there is one della and sallors. Now there is one della and sallors. Now there is one della a seman will show her weakness. Here get too old to fondle a doll' as generally tell whether they buy is own children or for little friends, some teaches them that children doll for its own sake, and not for stree of personal beauty. They are likely to give the first place to a single daughter of the rag-bag as a creation. So they generally are concemical in the purchase. For it a quite different; they always to be a they can, and are often very

date different; they always best they can, and are often very ant. Children's minds turn to soll nowadays than they used to, fancy can be indulged, as they such cheaper.

is a place where men and women in fondly, and that's to the story hey linger for minutes over a med story book that carries them much misty years. They don't the to new stories. We add the of course, but lay in loads of that Glant Killer' sort."

See Christmas trees nowadays—as ever?"

has ever?"
has frees will last as long as the say is told to little children, but say, I don't believe they are as ogue with the rich as with the is of poor. Somehow, these with gilded every-day life don't had said tapers like the poor little and tapers

would watch them closely they would not spend useless years in misapplied sciences; they could tell the future bent of their children right in this department. Now, while most of these boys take to 'salioring' or 'soldiering,' this winter there are many whose inclination lies in other lines, that's bound to follow them through life, if too strong to resist. The machinist of the future takes to engines. The rural youth never tires of these hairy dumb calimals, while the real sporting man of the future takes to racing courses, games, and the like. Some future scholars never get beyon! the book stall. Girls are not so marked in their tastes, but the domestic woman of the future shows herself in her sciention of household things, while the future society butterfly thinks only of adorning herself, and if she writes any letters to Santa Chaus, you can depend on there being an inventory for self-adornment."

"HUNCHES" AND "SIGNS,"

Differences in Their Meaning in Bet-ting Parlance.

Many people do not understand what a 'hunch" is: they would think it a forward and upward movement of the shouling in common with "signs," "tips" or pointers; it is peculiar to people who do battle with fortune at certain games of innovations. These will include the chance, such as fare, keno, policy and ming of the work of the reconstruct out comes from the realms of the un-

whereon he finds that 12-15-78 have come out, he has a "hucch," a faraway expression comes over his face; he looks at the list but sees nothing—he is communing, getting inspiration, the "hunch" is coming; and he plays 6-29-37-18 for "horse." "Eig." "saddle" and "house." If he only has a small "hunch," he only plays it in one wheel; if it's a "strong hunch" he plays it in the yellow, carmine, red, white and blue "books."

has the "hunch," the premonitory sympthe big blackboard for awhile, and suf- when ward and betr \$1 (the scene is haid locally) on Peg Parks at 30 to 1 to beat a horse sixty times her superior, according to the existence odds laid by the gentlemen who make such their business; the horse does win, and he the Merriman incident and his a their business; the horse does win, and he gets \$30 for his "hunch," when every grain of common sense he had told him to put

his money on the other horse. Ho sever, that doesn't happen often; nost generally a man gets a hunch when he hasn't a cont; then he can pick every number that comes out of the policy wheel, call the turn every time at faro and name winners when skates are beating stake horses. That shows what Dame Fortune does for a man; gives him a

it for three drawings consecutively to win every time; at a fare game it is a man who called it king-seven when the "center who called it had come seven-king invariably; at keno it is the man who had to stop the "goore" until he found a card with 7-27-37-47-90 on it; at the pool room it is a man who gets on a "hun-

A hunch is a mighty good thing to have if you have money; but one that causes haven't.

when that happens. He tells you how he mands a magnificent view of one bay, the over the ground with a new wagon. In the state of the proceeds.

The a fellow feeling for boys when how he's going to dispose of the proceeds.

"Sometimes a fellow has a hunch and cometimes he only thinks he has. In both cases he may be perfectly sure and still-"But in the sensation exactly alike in each instance?" you ask.

Just the same way, for instance, as tell-ing the difference between toadstools and

Playing by signs is an entirely different thing. Some people play that way most of the time. Some use "dream books" and power house, steam engineering building of the time. Some use "dream books" and anything and this is what he finds:

special fads among the girls, this APPLE-To dream of an apple, signifies

APPLE—To dream of an apple, signifies great wealth; play a slove pipe with 1-3-3-4-5-6-7 and tail 8-9-10-11-12-13. WORK—To dream of work denotes pain and sofrow; play 4-11-44. The man who plays the races also has a sign book; he finds on consulting in: To see a black cat—Play nothing but the last race on the following day.

To dream of work—A had thing; play only intog shors in the last race. only long shots in the last race.

Then there are other sign players who don't use dream books; the policy fiend sees the dates of three lottery drawings feet wide. hung up in front of him, and at once plays 2-16-24; or be plays the number of the street car he rides on, the number on the

street car he rides on the number on the conductor's cap and the number rung up on the register when he pays his fair.

The follower of the races pursues a different method. For instance, he sees The Planter entered in a race, and thinks mighty well of him; he walks out of the pool room and meets a farmer friend, there's a sign—The Planter. He sees a man going into the savings bank with a bill stuck in his book; there it is again—The Planter. His neighbor gets up early in the morning and sets out rose bushes; there it is—The Planter. By this time the "signs" have developed into a "hunch," and he immediately "gets aboard" The Planter—who finishes a bad third and the bookie "plants."

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A series of "signs" may develop into a fictitious "hunch," but a true hunch is rarely based on them. The "sign" player is the craxiest of them all, while anybody may have a hunch without being suspected of insanity. Neither of them are confined to gambling by any manner of means, the carries of the figure. The professor's ductes are, in his own language, "to coavey to the cadets the knowledge of how to be graceful and harmonio service of them all, while anybody may have a hunch without being suspected of insanity. Neither of them are confined to gambling by any manner of means, such as "inspiration," "Professor Hazazer thinks that a large by other names, such as "inspiration," "business foresight" and "hoolooes."

The clars is in charge of Signor Joseph be taught simply to handle ships, manner to the cutets the knowle and harmonio selfed with shot and shell, but should do the with shot and shell, but should do are to be taught the correct way of receivance things gracefully and should be agreeful and harmonio selfed with shot and shell, but should do they will be a man of war.

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HOBSON AT ANNAPOLIS.

He Will Instruct a Class in Naval Architecture This Winter.

Rebuilding of the Academy Now Under Way-Instructions in the Art of Dancing.

speaking, a year ago at this time almost a "hunch" is a subtle intuition evolved many there would seem to be no better navy." And if nothing is too good for the

For instance, a man gets aboard a car and sees that the register says "1177." he plays 11-17-77 in the yellow polley wheel next day; that's a "sign." But while he is looking at the slip of the drawing—whereon he finds that 12-16-78 have come out, he has a "huech." a faraway expression, the has a "huech." a faraway expression of department, efforts and descing.

the academy will be resumed soon after therefore the work will not only genial but thoroughly familiar to His class last year consisted three cadets, one of whom was Powell, who watched all night f

the Merrimac incident and his subsequent work on the Maria Teresa and Reina Mercedes gives added importance to his work as instructor in the class room. And the presence of so distinguished a hero as Ensign Powell will make the class a marked one in the history of the academy. The number of cases taking this courthis year and

bad a condition to justify ly, all the buildings will be copting the library, an old coused as a superintendent's residence the old fort, built in 1808, which is ed for a gymnastum.

There are times when a man believes the armory and the boat house. The care times when a man believes detay quarters will stand on the site of the present special stand on the site of the spe has bet on such and such an event and greatest length will be 600 feet and it has been been such and such an event and greatest width 400 feet, and it will allow and to guns, and buy a lot of them.

You ask him about it later, and he explains from the own bedroom, and the buy as many things as warmen do plains:

Accommodation for 500 cadets. Every or det will have his own bedroom, and the plains: The armony, located about 225 feet south of the cadets' quarters, is to be 450 feet long and 100 feet wile in the clear. He sides the main drill half and gallery for models, the armory will contain rix recibilist rooms, a workshop and offices.

"Just about."

"Well, how are you to tell the difference?"

"Why, by playing it, if you win it was a sure enough hunch, and if yo ulose you only thought you had one."

Just the same way, for instance, as tellhoused. Besides accommodations for boals, it will also contain six recitation rooms for seamanship, a model room, a sail loft, work toom and blacksmith shop, paint shop mushrboms-by eating them, and if you

and store room.

The second group includes the officers some don't. For instance, in playing policy, the dream book gives every sign like a dictionary; you will find a dream book player consult his book when he dreams anything and this is what he finds:

anything and this is what he finds: in this building is the library, which comples the entire westerks side and is somewhat separated from the rest by two com-

what separated from the rest by two comparatively small courts.

North of the academic building and standing on the quay at the westerly end of the busin is a group of three buildings, the power house measuring 100 feet by 67, the steam engineering building of the same size, and the building for the storage of cool, 100 by 200 feet. These buildings are so placed that versels can conveniently discharge freight alongside. South of the academic building is the physics and chemistry building, about 200 feet long by 63 feet wide.

The introduction to the Naval academy curriculum of an instructor of deportment, etiquette and dancing, would seem to in itcate that the "bluff, old set dog" of the Captain Marryat novel was no longer a thing to be encouraged by the officers of our navy. It might be suggested that the experience of Constructor Hobson at a captal band in the captain and the ca seaside hotel in the past attenmer may have seaside hotel in the past stammer may have convinced the heads of the academy's serieral departments that if our naval officers were compelled by force of circumstance; to be social hous it would be an admirable thing that shey should be graceful ones and therefore the latest addition to the curriculum was considered worthy of the cadets' attention.

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